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GREAT OVATION FOR GOVERNOR

Montague Opens Campaign Here Before a Packed House.

HUNDREDS NOT ABLE TO GET IN

Discussed Senator Martin's Public Record and Creates Great Enthusiasm-Prominent People of All Classes Fill the Stage-Mr. Meredith Introduces Speaker.

Before an audience composed of Den ocrats coming from every walk of life and filling every available space in the Academy of Music, Governor Montague opened his campaign for United State senator here last night in a brilliant and powerful address of more than two ho

There were many ladies present and at the boxes and loges were filled with laabout three hundred Democrats of al classes and professions, and these, with the vast audience confronting the speaker cheered and encouraged him time an again in the most flattering manner.

oppularity of the specific popularity of the circumstance of the curtain rose, and then applause started and was kept up some moments. Colonel Archer Anon called the meeting to order at it 8:45 and presented Hon. Charles dieredlih, who in an cloquent speech wenty minutes introduced the Gov-

Prolonged Cheering.

meeting, and they feel that his has advanced several points in

meeting to order at 8:30 o'clock and in-troduced Hon. Charles V. Meredith, who presided and introduced the Governor amid a perfect storm of applause. Mr. Meredith's remarks in part, were as fol-

Fellow citizens, occasional flashes of

choice wish us to believe that the holding of positive views upon governmental ques-tions and the ability and courage to openly and ably advocate them are showy, but not solid qualities for a statesman. We not solid qualities for a statesman. We are asked to believe that real worth in a public man is to be measured by those weightler virtues of addition, division and silence—by the addition of what has been enthusiastically called 'the figures of appropriations' among the few interested therein; by a silence, so long, so intense and so unusual as to be suggestive of a lack of interest in governmental principles or of self-suppression.

"But this magnificent audience and the enthusiastic receptions which our candidate has received wherever he has been, are pleasing confirmations that the great body of people do not believe that such characteristics mark the highest qualities of statesmanship, We have not

body of people do not believe that such characteristics mark the highest qualities of statesmanship. We have not reached that state of mind where we regard an earnest appeal for right or a courageous protest against wrong, is to proposed legislation or as to the administration of the laws, as mere 'figures of speech.' Nor have we yet reached that state of mind where we will be satisfied that the representatives from Virginia shall be lacking in those qualities which mark the ability of the representatives from other States. Our love for the old State forbid us,

"Fellow citizens, it is folly to hold that proposed legislation in a representative government should not be discussed by men of ability and of firm convictions as to the rights of the people. What we read in every morning's paper that englaved Russia is strengling for in the face of imprisonment, bandshment and even death, let free America, never think of abandoning.

"But, fellow citizens, we may safely believe that the great body of the people of Virginia, exercising for the first time since the foundation of the government the privilege of naming their United States Senator, will vote for him who helped actively, openly and ably to give them this right and this power, instead for one whose utmost assistance never exceeded a tardy, if not a rejuctant, acquiescence.

"Expecisity may me so believe when we

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GOVERNOR ANDREW JACKSON MONTAGUE. Candidate for United States Senatorship, Has Rousing Meeting at Academy of

Representative Audience.

MANY LADIES WERE PRESENT TROUBLE

Prolonged Cheering.

When the latter came forward and commenced his speech there was prolonged cheering. The Governor bowed his thanks and was about to begin his remarks when the enthusiasm broke out afresh. He was cheered time and again in the most vigorous manner, and when toward the end of his speech he looked at his watch as if to stop there were cries of "Oo on; to-morrow is Sunday," mingled with tremendous cheering.

The Governor spoke for over two hours and no one left or seemed at all resides. His agreech was on n lofty plane. He did not at least Semicor Mierus, but discussioned the propose of the specific manner. He declars that the public discussioned the people it was time to saud out the candie and go home in darkness. The speech was full of brilliant periods, all of which were roundly cheered, but the magnificent tribute paid by the Governor to the latte General Flizhugh Lee provoked the loudest and longest applause of the evening. No pollitical meeting held in Richmond in many years has been more successful from every viewpoint. But few have equaled it in the matter of numbers and enthusiasm. Every single chair was taken on the stage and men were standing around the sides. It was a representative audience, and as many of the general handled was then taken in a carriage and driven to the rooms of the Danville Commence and send of the supporters are greatly pleased as a result of the meeting, and they feet that his stock has advanced several points in Richmond. driven to the rooms of the Danville Com-mercial Association, where he met over a hundred citizens, and his reception was most cordial. He took tea at the Hotel Burton, and after tea was escorted to the hall by an enthusiastic committee of Anti-Saloon League men. At the hall he met between three hundred and fifty and four hundred people, and for ten minutes there was another general handshaking. The audience was made up largely of true blue Danville prohibitionists, but not confined to them. It was a representa-tive audience.

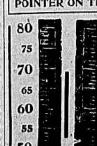
Ladies Honor Him.

On the table on the rostrum there was a magnificent bouquet of roses, presented by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Thirty or forty women, some of 'them among the most some of 'them among the most prominent in the city, occupied seats on the platform, and Judge Mann often, during his stirring speech, turned and addressed himself to them. Nearly all of the ministers in the city were in the audience, and many were the loud amons heard when the Judge, in speaking, rounded off a particularly striking sentence. The amens were especially loud when the speaker was giving the history of the Mann bill, and expressing himself on the liquor question. At times the cheering and long continued, and the Judge's splendid anecdotes created much hearty laughter.

By a misunderstanding on the part of the committee, the Academy of Music.

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POINTER ON THE WEATHER



FOR ECAST-For Sunday and Mon-day: Virginia At 1 A. M.

lina-Partly cloudy Sunday winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond's weather was fair and warm.
Range of the Thermometer.

10 A. M. 770 6 P. M. 750
12 M. 70 8 P. M. 75
13 P. M. 782 12 midnight 70
Average 70 18

Highest temperature yesterday...... Lowest temperature yesterday......

JUDGE SLAIN IN

Greeted With Enthusiasm by Francis C. Randolph, One of Best Known Men in Alabama, Shot Down.

> OVER MONEY

Murdered Man Was Recently Candidate for Mayoralty Nomination in Montgomery.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 27,-Judge Francis C. Randolph, one of the best stantly killed this afternoon by John Ran-

known men in Alabama, was shot and instantly killed this afternoon by John Randolph, a second cousin, in front of the latter's office, on South Perry Street.

There are several rumors as to the cause of the tragedy, the one given most credence being that Judge Randolph had demanded a loan of money from his slayer, with the accompanying threat that unless the loan was forthcoming violence would ensue. The two men met this afternoon, and it is stated that Judge Randolph repeated his threats. John Randolph presented a single-barreled repeating shotgun, and Judge Randolph attempted to draw a revolver, whereupon John Randolph fred two shots in quick succession, one entering the heart and the other the neck. Either would have proved fatal.

A crowd estimated at 1,000 persons at once surrounded the scene of the tragedy and medical ald was summoned, but when a physician arrived Judge Randolph was dead. His slayer was arrested and placed in the county jail.

A few weeks ago Judge Randolph was an unsuccessful candidate for the Montgomery Democratic mayoralty nomination. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son and four daughters.

Richmonders in New York. (Special to The Times-Dispatch)
NEW YORK, May 27.—Walderf, H. W. Ar
lerson; Albemarde, Mrs. M. J. Walker, Mis Dovan and wife.

IS MRS. SHAW TO WED AN ENGLISH LORD?

Reported Here That Handsome Virginia Woman Is Engaged to John Baring.

The most interesting news in the so is the reported engagement of Mrs. Nan-nie Langhorne Shaw to John Baring, Lord Revelstoke, of England. No statement has been made confirming the report by Mrs. Shaw's family, al-

No statement has been made confirming the report by Mrs. Shaw's family, although the rumor has gained wide-spread circulation and credence.

During the past winter Mrs. Shaw, who is now in London, spent a great part of her time at Market Hirborough, the centre of the most famous hunting district in the whole of England.

Many of the wealthleat and most ardent among the English sporting set have their hunting boxes in the village, where seven of the finest packs of hounds are within easy distance, where the most superb hunters are to be found, and where a run up to London during a hard winter's freeze makes the agreeable diversion necessary, even in a sporting life.

Mrs. John Jacob Aster was much with Mrs. Shaw at Market Harborough Lord Revelsicke hunted with her almost constantly, and has left nothing undone since that could be calculated to win him favor with a cherming Southern woman, who seems to have become as great a favorite in England as she has always been in Virginia.

Mrs. Astor accompanied her to London and when she was presented at the Queen's drawing-room last spring and created such a sensation by he, beauty and her grace, Mrs. Astor was in the party.

Lord Revelsicke succeeded to his fath-

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May 28, 1905.
HIGH TIDE.

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May 29, 1905.

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Morning 1:54 Morning Brothers, is a bachelor and as great a lover of out-of-door life and sport so Mrs. Shaw. A statio was in the party.

MAJOR LANIER FAILS TO RESIGN

Request of Corporation Commission.

JUDGE CRUMP TELLS OF HIS CONNECTION

Explains How He Came to Assent to Forming of Charter Corporation, Which Seems

to Have Led to the Whole Trouble.

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talk in official and political circles for several weeks; about serious differences between the two clerks, Mr. John A. Upshur and Major A. Sidney Lanier, of the State Corporation Commission, and probable trouble resulting therefrom.

Various efforts have been made both to smooth the matter over and to avoid any publicity being given to it. These have not been successful and while an adjustment may yet be reached that will be agreeable to all persons interested, the trouble has been talked about so much that it become currently reported yesterday that accounts of the affair would be printed in the out-of-town papers if not here.

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The situation in a nutshell is that the Commission, about three weeks ago, asked Mr. Lanier to retire from office and send in his resignation; that Mr. Lanier has so far failed to do as requested and declines to do so until certain conditions named by him have been met; and the indications are that he will force the Commission to remove him and then resort to the courts to secure his vindication and such redress as he thinks is his due.

A Matter of Charters.

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All of those who are in any way associated with this matter are very reticent. It is well understood, however, that the affairs of the Virginia Corporation Company (Incorporated) had much to do with bringing about the unpleasant situation that has arisen. The formation of this company was the conception of Major Lanier, who was large by responsible for its organization, and

mation of this company was the conception of Major Lanier, who was largely responsible for its organization, and was active in the formation of the enterprise. The company is similar to one in operation in New Jersey, and was looked upon as an aid to the commission in its work, as it would prepare charters and in other ways facilitate matters. Judge Crump took this view, and as an evidence of his friendliness subscribed to one share of the stock.

Some weeks ago Mr. Upshur, chief clerk of the commission, made to that body a report with reference to Mr. Lanier's relations to the Corporation Company, and while this paper has not been made public, it is said to contain charges against Mr. Lanier. At any rate the two clerks had ceased to be friends, and when the commission called for the resignation of Lanier it was upon the ground of irreconcilable differences between the chief clerk and first assistant clerk, resulting to the detriment of the public service.

Statement of Judge Crump.

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Judge Crump, chairman of the commission, having his attention called to the probable publication to-day of some of the facts of this affair, promptly furnished the following statement:

"The truth is that I gave the whole matter of the organization of the Virginia Corporation Commission no great thought. My impression was that it would be a convenience to the commission and would facilitate lis operations by having it deal with people trained to the work of drawing charters and especially expert in the corporation laws, as they stand under the new provisions. The possible complications and consequences of the connection of any member or official of the commission with this company never occurred to me, and after I had warned Major Lanier against using his official position to promote the interests of any corporation having dealings with the commission, the subject was crowded out of my mind by other matters appearing far more important, and subsequently I thought of it only vaguely and at intervals when some incident brought it momentarily to my attention. The subscription of a hundred dollars to the stock was suggested by the mixed motives of friendship to Major Lanier and wish to help a young man and of anxiety to promote anything to relieve the commission of the labor and entangioments of handling charters crudely and ignorantly prepared. rantly prepared

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"When Mr. Upshur presented his charge they revealed matters that were unknown to me. The commission was also unanimous in the conviction that what had developed in an interview with Major Lanier about these charges and in some previous evidences of personal difference between the two men, destroyed the cordial personal relations and harmony necessary for the efficient conduct of the State's business in this department. This difference was entirely adequate reason for asking Major Lanier's resignation and we preferred to use it rather than take the time and trouble demanded by a formal investigation, to the delay of public business and to avoid putting on Major Lanier any stigma which might be unjust.

That is the whole case in brief. Mr. Upshur was right, with the information had, in bringing the actions of Major Lanier in connection with the Virginia Corporation Company, incorporated, to the attention of the commission. Major Lanier went further in his zeal for the promotion of the company's interests than he should have gone. He acknowledged that freely before the commission, Nevertheless he may have been led by my acquiescense in his original suggestion into believing that he was within his rights and duties aid into inaensibly increasing infractions of official proprieties. I accept whatever responsibility for this trouble may rest on me and anotives, if further enquiry or demand for more detailed information are suggested, I will welcome the one and reepond to the other cheerfully and freely."

Both Are Reticent.

Both Are Reticent. Messrs. Upshur and Lanler both de-clined to make statements last night.

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FIGHT WITH GANG

Declines to Comply With United Gas Company Withdraws Offer That Caused Trouble.

DODSON ISSUES. FORMAL LETTER

Withdrawal Is Signal Victory for Mayor, Though Fight Is Not Yet Ended - Public

Clamor Forced Company and Councilmen to Terms.

test lasting five days, the Republican "organization," led by Insurance Commissioner Israel W. Durham, was forced to-day by public opposition and clamor lease of the gas works to the United five years. Thomas Dolan, president of the company, to-day forwarded a formal and Common branches of City Councils withdrawing his proposition to advance the city \$25,000,000 in consideration the extension of the lease, which the company now holds. This action was Nichol and Belect Councilman Charles lutions in Councils.

Improvement Company's offer is undoubtedly a signal victory for Mayor Weaver in his fight with the "organization," though it does not mean the end ings brought by David Smyth, former Costello, former director of public works, against Mayor Weaver and their successors, Colonel Sheldon Potter and A. Lincoln Acker, to restrain the mayor's appointees from conducting the affairs of the two departments, is still to come up for argument, and the leaders will make a determined effort to have the temporary injunction made permanent. Since last Tuesday, when the mayor created the first sensation by ousting Directors Smyth and Costello and appointing their successors, great pressure has been brought to bear upon the councilmen by both sides and the "organization" leaders have steadily maintained confidence in their ability to have the gas lease passed over the mayor's yete. Popular opposition became so pronounced, however, that one by one, members of Councils, who originally voted for the lease, began to show a disposition to accede to the wishes of their constituents, and to-day with almost a week intervening before the lense should come up for final action, the mayor required only seven votes in Select Council and ten in Common Council to sustain his vote.

It became evident that the leaders were losing control of Councils, but they were saved from putting their strength to the direct test when the United Gas Improvement Company withdrew its bid. Commissioner Durham, State Senator McNichel and Councilman Segor held a two hours' conference with President Dolan with the result that the company officially assumed the responsibility of withdrawing the lease.

Mr. Dolan's letter to Councils states that the modifications to the original lease bill, reducing the price of gas were not in accord with the offer of the company, but that they opposition on the part of the people, however, mr. Dolan's letter to Councils, but the offer of the company. Costello, former director of public works, against Mayor Weaver and their suc-

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK BY RUSSIANS

Name of Vessel Is Unknown. Entire Crew Was Saved.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, May 28-9 A. M .- News has been received that Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet sank an American steamer off Formosa about May 21st. The name of the steamer is unknown. Her crew was

NEW TRIAL DENIED TO MRS. MARY ROGERS

(By Associated Press.) MONTPELIER, VT., May 27.—The peti-tion for a new trial of Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, convicted of the murder of her husband, has been denied by the Supreme

A reprieve granted by Governor Bell the day before Mrs. Regers was to have been hanged last February will expire June 2d. Under Vermont laws, only commutation by the Governor can now avert the hanging of the woman on the date named.

GERMAN YACHT NOW LEADING BIG RACE

NEW YORK, May 27.—The German yacht Hamburg was leading the Ailsa yacht Hamburg was leading the Allea by thirteen miles, with the Atlantic, Fleur de Lys and the English clipper ship Valhalla, strung out in that order far astern when these yach's were sighted on May 23d and 2th, by the steamer St. Paul. The Endymion also was sighted by the St. Paul, on a course well to the north of that taken by the Hamburg and the Allea.

WEAVER WINS IN GREAT BATTLE ON SEA BELIEVED TO BE RAGING NEAR STRAITS OF KOREA

Significant and Carefully Guarded Message Sent Out From Tokio Last Night.

MAKES REFERENCE TO "HISTORIC EVENTS"

Rojestvensky's Sudden Appearance Near Tsu Islands Causes Sensation-St. Petersburg Wild With Joy Over Supposed Victory.

TOKIO, May 27—9 P. M.—Transmittable information concerning to-day's historic events in the neighborhood of the Tsu Islands is limited to the bare fact that Rear-Admiral Rojestvensky's main fleet, steaming in two columns, with the battleships on the starboard and the cruisers and monitors on the port side, appeared in the Straits of Korea. All other information is withheld by the Japanese authorities and cable transmission of any other reference to the movements of the Russian fleet or the movements of the Japanese is refused.

"Historic events," the significant phrase of the official dispatch from Tokio, can mean only a battle in progress, defeat or victory for one side of the other. The restraint and reserve of the Japanese in the face of the grave crisis of the war have furnished proof that they will speak only

the other. The restraint and reserve of the Japanese in the lace of the grave crisis of the war have furnished proof that they will speak only when the final result is known.

It is probable that a battle is being fought, a "historic" one, without question. As the range of the guns of Admiral Togo's fieet is superior to that of the guns of the Russian ships, it is highly probable that the great naval action is a running one. Admiral Togo can afford to lose nothing; but, on the other hand, his position is extremely favorable in regard to harbors of refuge. If he should suffer-serious but not overwhelming damage, he has only to turn to his base. Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, however, must hold ever in mind the fact that his only base is Viadivostok. He must keep in close formation, while it is to Admiral Togo's advantage to force a running fight.

Apparently the only avenues of news transmission are held by the Japanese, and the authorities of that country are exercising a rigorous censorship. The paucity of information, which the censor has permitted to pass, has formed the basis for the belief in high quarters about St. Petersburg that an engagement has been fought, and that the Japanese have suffered a defeat, the theory being that were the facts otherwise they would have been immediately given to the world. At all events, the course taken by Rojestvensky's fleet through the narrow waters eastward of Korea may be accepted as evidence that he is bent on forcing Togo to accept battle, the alternative being the bombardment of Japanese ports and the sweeping of the Japanese merchant marine from those waters.

TOKIO ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR NEWS

Rojestvensky's Fleet Sighted Off Tou Islands in Straits of Korea.

(By Associated Press.)
TOKIO, May 27—4:30 P. M.—Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet has been sighted off the Tsu Islands, in the Straits of Korea.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, May 27, 2:45 P. M.-All Tokio ent between the naval forces of Admithe main fighting strength of Rear-Admiral Rojestvenski's forces, and that at-ter coaling there the Russians bravely sikoff, who is well known in the United States, commands the armored cruiser headed for Tsu Islands, electing to give Gromobol. battle in the event of meeting the war-

TO-DAY.

The 145 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

35 Trades. 20 Miscellaneous. 20 Domestics. 10 Office. 30 Agents. 30 Salesmen.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve

their positions as well,

HAIL ROJESTVENSKY

Population of Russian Capital

Believe Togo Has Been

Defeated.

AS HERO OF HOUR

M .- The Russian Foreign Office and the pendent upon the Associated Press disthe movements of the warships in the in receipt of no telegrams from the Rus-

sian fleet.

The Associated Press is able to announce that the Viadivostok cruisers have left that port and are now acting in general co-operation with Vice-Admiral prepared for

beaded for Tsu Islands, electing to give battle in the event of meeting the warships under command of the Japanese admiral.

The fact that Rear-Admiral Rojest-venski appears to have used the Formosan Channel has created surprise, as it was generally expected that he would pursue a course eastward from Formosa. This increases the belief that the Russians are anxious to give battle.

It is rumored that the Russian fleet divided into two squadrons as they approached Korean channels to-day.

The Navy Department refrains from confirming or denying any of the score of reports circulated through the capital to-day, and has promised to advise the public in good time of any developments. The people have received the news or the prospective light with chainon, so great is their confidence in the prowess of admiral Togo. While it is athought a portion of the Russian feet is certain to reach Vladivostok, it is believed that An portion of the Russian feet is certain to reach Vladivostok, the shallow of any developments, the propose tirculated through the capital to-day, and has promised to advise the public in good time of any developments. The people have received the news or list their confidence in the prowess of admiral Togo. While it is athought a portion of the Russian feet is certain to reach Vladivostok, it is believed that An portion of the Russian feet is certain to reach Vladivostok, it is believed that An portion of the wessela are unknown, but it is possible that they were light cruisers from Admiral Rojestvensk's success in reching the Korean Rivait and the fact that no truther the westward of Japan on May Esti. The names of the vessels are unknown, but it is possible that they were light cruisers from Admiral Rojestvensk's fiet of the navy, said to the Associated Press:

"If Rojestvenski has cleared the Korean Strait, God bless him, he had open water sheet of the navy, said to the Associated Press:

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Emperor Very Anxious.

At Tsarskoe-Selo, where it is realized the whole fortune of the war and possibly the fate of the dynasity was staked upon the issue, the greatest anxiety prevailed. Emperor Nicholas received the news with satisfaction, but without elation, as an indication, that Rojestvenski had outwitted his diversary and had cleared the difficult entrance to the Japan Sea. Throughout the Emperor has displayed the greatest confidence in Rojestvenski's ability to turn the trick, but with the arrival of the decisive moment he glowed nervousness, and repeatedy had officials at court inquire of the admirality and the foreign office for dispatches, but neithes

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